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## **New Bankruptcy Judge Appointed for Eastern District of Washington**

SAN FRANCISCO — Seattle attorney Frederick P. Corbit has been appointed to serve as a judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington. He fills a judgeship left vacant by the retirement of Judge Patricia C. Williams, who continues to serve the court as a recalled judge.

Judge Corbit, 58, was sworn into office on September 19, 2013. He maintains chambers in Spokane.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Corbit had worked as a senior attorney and manager for Northwest Justice Project in Seattle since 2007. He engaged in private practice as a partner at the former Heller Ehrman LLP in Seattle from 1989 to 2007.

A native of Spokane, Washington, Judge Corbit received his B.A., magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Washington in 1977 and his J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, in 1980. He completed a program on negotiation at Harvard Law School and received a mediation certificate in 2005. Judge Corbit clerked for Judge Kenneth Treadwell of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington and for Chief Justice Robert Utter of the Washington State Supreme Court.

Judge Corbit taught bankruptcy course at Seattle University and lectured frequently at the University of Washington School of Law, Seattle University School of Law, and Gonzaga University School of Law.

He served as president of the Creditor Debtor Rights Section of the Washington State Bar Association and as president of the Bankruptcy Section of the King County Bar Association. He is a former member of the Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington received 5,575 filings in calendar year 2012. The court is authorized two bankruptcy judges.

Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have statutory responsibility for selecting and appointing bankruptcy judges in the nine western states that comprise the Ninth Circuit. The court uses a comprehensive merit selection process for the initial appointment and for reappointments. Bankruptcy judges serve a 14-year, renewable term, at a salary of \$160,080, and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

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